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SUBJ: UNIFIL DEVELOPMENTS MAY 7

1. LEBANESE GENDARMES--UN SOURCE MAY 8 SAID THAT LEBANESE
GENDARMES HAVE BEEN TAKING UP POSITIONS WITH UNIFIL
TROOPS OVER PAST WEEK AND NOW NUMBER ABOUT 130. IN
TYRE AREA, WHICH INCLUDES AREA TO AL MANTARAH THERE ARE A
TOTAL OF 64 GENDARMES--TWO EACH AT SIX FRENCH CHECKPOINTS,
30 AT THE GENDARME POST IN DOWNTOWN TYRE, 10 AT QANA, AND
12 AT JWAYYA (NEAR AL MANTARAH). AROUND TIBNINE, A
TOTAL OF 26 GENDARMES--11 IN TIBNINE SIX AT AKIYA BRIDGE
AND THREE EACH AT THREE IRAIAN CHECKPOINTS. IN

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HASBAYYA AREA THERE ARE 40 GENDARMES WITH 26 IN HASBAYYA,
SEVEN IN KAUKABA, FIVE IN RACHAYA EL FOUKHAR, AND TWO AT
A NORWEGIAN CHECKPOINT, THIS DEPLOYMENT OF GENDARMES WAS
REPORTED BY UNIFIL PRIOR TO TRSKINE-KHOURY MEETING OF
AMY 5 AND IS THUS NOT RELATED TO KHOURY'S
COMMITMENT TO SEND MORE GENDARMES.

2. TTYRE RE-DEPLOYMENT--ACCORDING TO SOURCE, ERSKINE HAS DECIDED TO KEEP A UNIFIL PRESENCE IN TYRE BARRACKS. HE WILL HAVE FRENCH LOGISTIC UNIT REMAIN THERE-POSSIBLY AROUND 50 OR SO. FRENCH COMMAND POST IS TO MOVE PORBALY TO QANA.

3. ARMORED CAR PATROLS-USING 12 FRENCH-PROVIDED ARMORED CARS, UNIFIL IS AS OF MAY 6, CONDUCTING PATROLS THROUGHOUT AREA RECENTLY EVACUATED BY IDF. SOURCE SAYS THESE AML'S ARE BASED IN TIBNINE.

4. NIGERIAN DEPLOYMENT--SOURCE SAYS THREEE NIGERIAN C-130'S LOADED WITH EQUIPMENT ARRIVED IN BEIRUT ON MAY 6 AS START OF NIGERIAN BATTALION AIRLIFT. IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO PUT NIGERIANS UP LONG LITANI IN WESTERN CENTRAL AREA NO HANDLED BY SENEGALESE AND SWEDES.

5. INFILTRATION AROUND ANKIYA BRIDGE--IN LATE REPORT ON DEVELOPMENTS MAY 7, SOURCE SAYS THAT INFILTRATION EFFORTS ARE BEING STEPPED UP AROUND AKIYA BRIDGE. AREA. UNIFIL UNITS HAVE IDENTIFIED 10-MAN IRAQI POSITION JUST NOTEHR OF BRIDGE.

6. SIILASVUO APPOINTMENT-SIILASVUO GOES TO SYRIA MAY 8 FOR HIS APPOINTMENTS WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER AND SENIOR MOD LIAISON OFFICER, WHICH HAD BEEN
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POSTPONED FROM MAY 3. HIS APPOINTMENT WITH EITAN NOW TENTATIVELY SET FOR EITHER AFTERNOON MAY 10 OR MAY 12.
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